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## STALKING BIG GAME

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME PLANS WORK FOR GRAND JURY.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, May 12.—District Attorney Jerome, at his home in Lakeview, and Assistant District Attorneys Kresel and Vandiver, who are assisting him in the insurance investigation, were busy today preparing for next week's session of the special grand jury. By those in touch with the situation it is believed that this will be a crucial week with the insurance investigators.

When the insurance grand jury reconvenes Monday afternoon it will follow up the disclosures already made before and during past sittings by going a step further and seeking to fix the responsibility for the dubious transactions described by the witnesses who have already testified. These transactions have to do entirely with the running of the department of purchase and supplies by Andrew C. Fields, partly as an adjunct to the important work he was doing for the seasons, and the part the printing firm of Lyssander W. Lawrence & Co. bore in helping out those transactions. The disappearance of the books of this department prior to 1904 will also be looked into.

## After the Officials.

It was learned from an authoritative source today that District Attorney Jerome is stalking big game in his present inquiry. The district attorney has no intention whatever of indicting any of the clerks or underlings who had been put in certain departments to do certain things, and had to obey the orders of their superiors in order to hold their jobs. It was said today that some indictments might be asked

for in the case of the smaller fry, but only in the event of applying the pressure necessary to bring out the information the district attorney wants to get.

The facts already laid before the grand jury by the witnesses examined and the documentary evidence in the line of vouchers and books, it can be stated on good authority, are already sufficient to constitute proof of criminal offense. The question that now confronts the special grand jury is to ascertain to what extent the officials who ought to have known all about the expenditures they approved had cognizance of what the bills represented.

## IN HONOR OF JOHAN SNELLMAN.

## Anniversary of Noted Finn's Birth Observed Yesterday.

HELSINGFORS, Finland, May 12.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Johan Snellman, who devoted his life to advancing the cause of the Finnish language, was the occasion of a unique celebration today. Of the 3,000,000 inhabitants of Finland, 2,700,000 speak Finnish and 300,000 Swedish, yet the latter are descendants of the Swedish conquerors who occupied the country a century previous to Russian rule, and form the aristocratic, educated class, keeping the native Finns and their language in a secondary place.

Snellman started a crusade for the use of Finnish in the Universities and schools, which resulted in a revival of Finnish literature. The Finnish national spirit was further stimulated by the new political conditions, and today Snellman's memory is feted throughout the "Land of Lakes." Thirty-five thousand persons are honoring the occasion by dropping names of Swedish origin and assuming those purely Finnish.

## Admiral Sigbee Reports.

Rear Admiral Sigbee, recently detached from command of the special European squadron, reported at the Navy Department yesterday and was placed on waiting orders. He came from a long cruise in the Mediterranean on the nagging Brooklyn, now at the League Island navy yard.

## A REVOLTING MURDER

Woman's Body Found Half-Decayed in Trunk.

IN FRANKFORT-ON-THAINE  
Left for Storage by Man With Express Company.

SUSPECT SAILED FOR AMERICA  
Arrested With a Woman at Hoboken When Steamship Arrived From Europe Yesterday.

FRANKFORT-ON-THAINE, Germany, May 12.—The details of a mysterious and revolting tragedy, for which Wilhelm Meyer and a woman named Christian were arrested on the arrival of the Hamburg-American line steamer Graf Waldersee at New York today, were revealed this afternoon. Meyer came to Frankfort April 24 and left a trunk and other baggage with an express company, saying that the trunk contained clothing and that he wanted it kept for three months, as he was going abroad.

The trunk was finally opened by the police and found to contain the half-decayed body of an aged woman, covered with choleraic of lime. The body turned out to be that of a Mrs. Vogel of Wildungen, in the principality of Waldeck, who had been missing since the disappearance of Meyer from that place. She came from San Francisco to Wildungen with Meyer two years ago. The latter is a furniture dealer, thirty-one years of age, and born in Germany. Mrs. Vogel was reputed to have been very rich. Lately she quarreled with Meyer and asked for police protection. The murder was committed by Meyer, who spent several days in Frankfort and wrote to the Christian woman, who comes from a good Wildungen family, to meet him here, where they disappeared together. Inquiries made by the police established the fact that the couple sailed for New York from Hamburg April 23, registered as from New Orleans.

## Arrested at Hoboken.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Meyer and the woman were arrested by federal officers at Hoboken when the Graf Waldersee reached her dock today. They were at once brought to this city and arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields, who had issued warrants for their arrest. The man refused to talk and the woman professed not to know why they had been arrested.

The Graf Waldersee was met at the dock by Deputy United States Marshal Benjamin Hard and another deputy, who at once put Meyer under arrest. He made no resistance when the handcuffs were placed on his wrists. The woman who accompanied him was registered on shipboard as his wife, but confessed to the authorities that her real name was Christian.

## Woman Apparently Uninformed.

As soon as she realized what had been done she began asking the marshal the reason for the arrest, and from his questions it seemed as if she was entirely ignorant of the crime which Meyer is accused of committing. During the drive from Hoboken to Commissioner Shields' office in New York she made several attempts to comfort Meyer, but her advances were rebuffed by him.

Meyer is of medium size, dark haired and with irregular features. When asked if he had lived in the United States before he registered in Germany that was no one's business. The woman speaks some English, but Meyer apparently does not understand a word of it. They were both searched by the authorities, who found nothing of a suspicious character. Meyer had with him a sum equivalent to \$150 in German money. Meyer and the woman were both committed to jail without bail until Monday, when the German consul in this city will appear against them.

## ATHLETIC GIRL IN EVIDENCE.

Physical Culture and Delsarte Classes Entertain.

The athletic girl occupied the center of the stage at Gunston Hall last evening. Before a large audience, which completely filled the gymnasium of the school, the members of the physical culture and Delsarte classes gave an interesting program, illustrating their work during the school year and showing the development and skill which they have attained. The program was arranged and carried out under the direction of Miss Lucy R. Mason, teacher of physical culture, and was participated in by girls whose ages ranged from five to eighteen years.

The program was opened with a piano solo rendered by Miss Evelyn H. Stevens. Next a class of small girls, composed of Misses B. Brice, H. Swarnstedt, M. Watson, V. Hoover, M. Clements, L. Bausch, R. Piles, P. Hays, D. Crawford and S. Bow-Fish, gave a pantomime in which they sang, "Comin' Thro' the Rye," and danced as they sang. Two recitations, entitled "The Christening" and "Cocoon," were given by Miss Helen Marsh; the bar bell drill, a gymnastic exercise, followed, in which Misses L. Myers, L. Ligon, C. Rogers, M. Thurston, E. Van Deyver and F. Bausch took part, and Miss Louise Bausch, twelve years old, rendered a difficult waltz, in a shabby minor, by Chopin. Each of the performers received generous applause.

One of the features of the program was a tambourine dance, which was arranged by Miss Mason. It was very cleverly and gracefully done by Misses M. Hardwick, M. Beal, G. E. H. Stevens, B. Wick, M. Hays, D. Crawford and S. Bow-Fish, by a vocal selection rendered by Miss Swann. The closing number was a Venetian floor dance, arranged by Miss Mason, and participated in by the classes, composed of Misses Tiffany, W. Worthington, Rapp, McClintock, M. Hays, D. Crawford and S. Bow-Fish. The last number was a song, "The Earthquake," by Misses Tiffany, W. Worthington, Rapp, McClintock, M. Hays, D. Crawford and S. Bow-Fish. This last number was loudly applauded.

## PERPETUITY OF HUMAN LIFE.

A Chicago Professor Predicts Millions of Years.

CHICAGO, May 12.—That the earth will be habitable for a hundred million years to come is the belief of Dr. Thomas C. Chamberlin, head of the department of geology in the University of Chicago. This view he expressed in a lecture before the members of the Geographic Society in the municipal museum last night.

Prof. Chamberlin declared that climatic phenomena and temperature conditions of the last hundred million years warranted him in offering the foregoing optimistic prophecy. His basis for the theory of the perpetuity of human life was his own "planetary hypothesis" that the world is not gradually cooling from a ball of fire, but that it has gradually grown in size by absorbing other smaller masses of matter.

"The earthquake is really only a trivial phenomenon of the earth. The great question for us is not what disasters impend but what agencies are likely to perpetuate life."

Prof. Chamberlin told how the land and sea co-operate to preserve life and the possibility of life.

"We cannot look with indifference on the future," said the speaker. The human race really has just come into possession of the earth. The fact that the rocks and the animals have been here for millions of years is the basis for my belief that we shall have millions of years to work out our ideals of intellectuality. I believe the world will be inhabited for millions of years."

## EXPECT LARGE CROWD

SPANISH WAR VETERANS PREPARING FOR 200,000 VISITORS.

It is the expectation of the United Spanish War Veterans of the department of the District of Columbia that between 150,000 and 200,000 strangers will visit Washington during the week beginning October 8, at the time of their national encampment, to be held here covering a period of six days. This was brought out at a meeting of the national encampment committee, which was held last night at headquarters, 719 6th street northwest.

Maj. Fred S. Hodgson, the chairman, stated that already communications have been received by the committee from many organizations of both civil war and war with Spain veterans, besides other patriotic associations, announcing their intention of coming to this city at the time of the encampment.

Capt. Lee M. Lipscomb, past department commander, said he was in communication with the trunk line associations of the railroads with the view of arranging for excursion rates to Washington from many points at the time of the big meeting. In order that many thousands of people may be encouraged to take advantage of the reduced railroad rates to come to the capital.

## Machete Club.

Capt. G. Leyburn Shore reported as to the proposed organization of a machete club, to be composed of Spanish War Veterans, to take part in the encampment parade with the native Cuban troops that are expected, and the other features of the pageant. The men will be clad in white uniforms and he armed with machetes. The membership of the club was restricted to forty men, and the committee placed Capt. Sheridan Ferree in charge of the arrangements, and he will no doubt be commander of the unique organization.

The secretary of the national encampment committee, Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, was instructed to send literature to all camps of Spanish War Veterans in all parts of the Union, requesting them to come here with full ranks, and to encourage excursion parties to come.

Capt. J. Ligon King, chairman of the souvenir committee, was authorized to get out a magnificent souvenir book of the encampment. Capt. King added Capt. William H. Melach to the souvenir committee.

Dr. S. Clifford Cox, chairman of the contribution committee, made a report, as did several other chairmen. Those who spoke encouragingly of the outcome were Maj. Hodgson, Department Quartermaster Daniel P. Conway, Capt. R. B. Leach, Mr. I. N. Dolph and others.

## EGYPTOLOGY VS. HEALTH.

White Plague Spread Due to Disinterred Mummies.

CHICAGO, May 12.—"Egyptology versus Health" was the title of a monograph received at the headquarters of the tuberculosis institute of Chicago yesterday in which it was alleged that the great spread of tuberculosis in Europe and America in the last 100 years found its causation in the disinterment and shipment broadcast over the land of the mummies which had reposed so long in the tombs of the Pharaohs.

The monograph was written by Dr. Raffaele Sornnac, one of the lecturers at the Sorbonne in Paris who was an interested visitor at the recent tuberculosis exhibit in this city.

"That the disinterred mummies started the spread of the tuberculosis germs in Egypt cannot be doubted," says Dr. Sornnac in his monograph. "There are more tuberculosis germs in the almost impalpable dust around a mummy case than in many cupfuls of effluvia."

"These germs live for thousands of years, as has easily been proved, and the exhumation of the bodies, even the well-preserved ones, caused an epidemic of consumption among the workmen and scholars who first exhumed the cases. It is also well known that the keepers of the mummy cases have been subject to the disease."

"The start of tuberculosis in France in a serious sense may be traced to the great importation of mummies and mummy cases at the time of the Napoleonic invasion of Egypt, and this start gave the disease its first great foothold in Europe, whence it has spread all over the western world. Dead bodies may not secrete the germs, but dead bodies are undoubtedly a favorite hiding place for the tubercular bacilli."

The bacilli from the mummies are undoubtedly of great age and it has been shown by experiments in Paris that these aged bacilli are infinitely more deadly than those obtained from the sputum of live persons who are infected."

## BLANKET MORTGAGE FILED.

Instrument Covers Street Traction Value at \$8,000,000.

NORFOLK, Va., May 12.—Copy of a first mortgage of the Norfolk Traction Company to the Trust Company of North America was admitted to record in the office of the city clerk of Portsmouth today. This mortgage embraces all of the street railroads consolidated recently in this section, and is scheduled as comprising property valued at \$8,000,000. Included in this are the local holdings—the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News Company and the Old Dominion Railway Company. This is one of the largest mortgages ever admitted to record locally. The first copy was admitted to record in Norfolk, giving the city clerk's office a fee of \$500.

## MISSOURI LUTHERANS.

Joint Meeting of Synod Divisions in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 12.—The two divisions of the Missouri Evangelical Lutheran synod held a joint business meeting today, and admitted a number of churches and congregations to union with the body. Several matters were discussed in relation to the division of the district, which was effected yesterday into eastern and north-eastern districts.

When the two districts met in separate sessions temporary officers were elected and nominations were made for the various offices. Rev. H. Walker, who was president of the old eastern district, was elected president of the new district. Charles Spelman of Baltimore was made treasurer. E. Houll was elected secretary and August Schumann of Buffalo auditor. A vice president, together with the boards and committees, will be selected on Monday next.

The northeastern district convention after two ballots for president had been taken without definite result it was decided to adjourn until Monday next, when the election of officers will be resumed.

During the afternoon the visiting pastors and delegates were entertained on an excursion to the Chesapeake bay as far as Annapolis.

## MADE ASCENT IN OWN BALLOON.

Philadelphia First Amateur Balloonist in This Country.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 12.—Alfred N. Chandler, a prominent local broker and clubman, today made a successful ascension in his balloon, the initial, gaining the distinction of being the first amateur balloonist in this country to make an ascent in his own balloon. In a telegram to the Associated Press tonight he announced his safe landing at South Amboy, N. J. Mr. Chandler was accompanied by Charles Leves of the Aero Club of Paris and Henry M. Gratz of the New York Aero Club, of which Mr. Chandler is also a member.

The ascent was made from the athletic field of the United Gas Improvement Company. The balloon inflated was seventy-five feet in diameter, and 45,000 cubic feet of gas required to swell it to its maximum bulk. It was valued at \$1,200. The wind was blowing from the southwest when the trip began. The balloon sailed over the city in a northeasterly direction and passed over the Delaware river, landing in the north-eastern section of the city.

## CLARK, DAKENPORT &amp; CO.,

12th and F Streets N. W.

## Sale of Grass Furniture.

Grass furniture is of two kinds. The first is what is usually known as the prairie grass furniture, made of the grass of the prairies, tied together with ordinary cotton threads. The cotton, incapable of sustaining any strain, breaks after a little wear and the plait of grass thus become loose. The product is altogether unsatisfactory from the standpoint of durability.

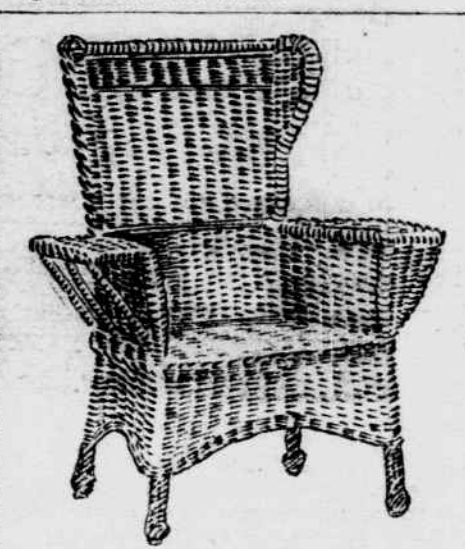
The second kind—the kind we are offering—is made of prairie grass, closely interwoven with reed. No cotton is used. The result is a strong, durable article. Moreover, the use of reed allows greater latitude to the designer and the articles thus produced are of rare beauty and absolutely strong. By prearrangement with the manufacturer, who is desirous of putting his goods before the public, we are enabled to quote unusually low prices.



This Arm Chair in apple green..... \$12.00

This Rocker in apple green..... \$9.75

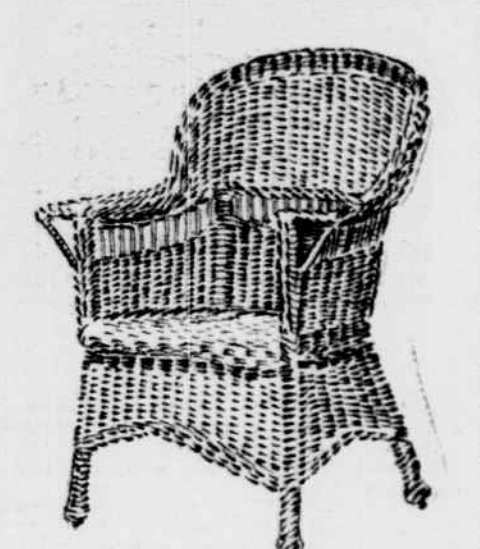
This Rocker in apple green with broad, comfortable arms..... \$9.75



This large Arm Chair in apple green and with arms broad enough for writing..... \$13.50



This large Cozy Chair, in walnut finish..... \$11.25



This large Easy Chair, in apple green..... \$9.75

Mattings from 18c. to 40c. per yd.  
Porch Rockers, \$1.90 to \$5.00.  
Lawn Benches, \$2.50 to \$5.00.  
Refrigerators, \$10.00 to \$40.00.  
Go-Carts from \$1.90 to \$8.50.

Summer Curtains from \$1.25 to \$4.00.  
Matting Rugs from \$1.25 to \$10.  
Baby Hammocks at \$3.50.  
Ice Boxes from \$6.00 to \$10.50.

Rattan Rockers from \$2.00 to \$10.00.  
Carpets, Rugs and Draperies cleaned and stored at nominal prices.

## Washington Dealers' Gas Appliance Exhibit,

### 1413 New York Avenue.

Mrs. Katherine Swann will begin her daily lectures and practical demonstrations in the art of cooking with gas, Tuesday, May 15, to June 1, 1906, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

## Washington Dealers' Gas Appliance Exhibit,

### 1413 New York Avenue.

## ON MAGNIFICENT SCALE

PLANS AT MADRID FOR KING ALFONSO'S WEDDING.

MADRID, May 12.—Spain is preparing for rejoicings on a magnificent scale on the occasion of the marriage of King Alfonso to Princess Anna of Battenberg. Premier Moret announced today that some of the features of the early program have been changed, but the essential parts remain. The marriage will take place May 31 in the Church of San Jeronimo at 11 a. m. The princess will enter Spain May 24, being met at the frontier by the king, the ministers and the Royal Guard, who will escort her to the Prado palace.

The foreign envoys and princes will begin to arrive about the same time. The solemn ceremony of signing the marriage contract will take place at the Prado palace May 30.

## A Fortnight of Festivities.

The city will be given over to festivals for a fortnight before and after the wedding. The fetes will include gaudy performances, military reviews, a parade of representatives of the Spanish provinces in typical costumes, a royal bull fight, balls and receptions. Great public interest is taken in the preparations.

The king and his bride will remain in Madrid eight days after the marriage in order to participate in the festivities. They will then spend their honeymoon at La Granga palace, later going to San Sebastian.

The fact that the English princess is to become Queen of Spain is not regarded as having any political significance, although the increased intimacy between King Al-

ward and King Alfonso and the fact that the policies of Great Britain and Spain have recently followed similar lines are considered to be evidence that the marriage is strengthening political relations which for a time were strained. The marriage is popular with all classes in Spain.

The Danish envoy and a brilliant suite arrived here today to represent Denmark at the wedding, being the first of the foreign delegations to reach Madrid.

## INCREASED POSTAL RECEIPTS.

Advance of 21.18 Per Cent in Local Office Over Last Year.

This city shows an unusual increase in postal receipts in the month of April, as compared with the same month of last year. The gross receipts for the month were \$90,725.17; last year they were \$74,708.93, the increase being \$17,016.24, or 21.18 per cent.

In the percentage of its increase for April Washington ranks fourth among the cities of the country. Los Angeles, Cal., comes first, with 41.15 and a total of \$77,571.58 in money. That city has held the record for rate of increase for a number of months. Ahead of Washington in this respect are Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash., ranking in the order named.

Only four or five cities show a decrease for the month. One of these is San Francisco, this condition, of course, being the result of the great disaster to the city which occurred about the middle of the month. San Francisco's total receipts for April of this year were \$104,632.31; last year for the same month they were \$118,712.23, the decrease being \$13,079.97, or 23.10 per cent. Many persons expected the decrease in the postal receipts from San Francisco to fall much below this. The figures for the present month and for the rest of the year will be watched with considerable interest for the light they will throw on the rate of speed at which the San Franciscoans

shall bring their city back to its normal condition.

Another interesting feature of the report for April is contained in the figures from Chicago, which ranks second in gross receipts, New York being first. Chicago has been advancing toward New York's mark with great strides. It shows for April \$1,100,632.77 to the latter's \$1,428,063.37. The difference is still very great, but the chief matter of interest is that a good rate of increase is being maintained by Chicago, a rate that is considerably greater than that of New York. Chicago's increase for April of this year, as compared with last April, was 13.53 per cent, while that of New York was only 6.5 per cent.

## CALLS COMPARISON A SHAME.

Salvation Army Official Replies to Charges Against Hotels.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Charges that the Salvation Army hotels were either insanitary or a means of financial gain were denied strenuously at the territorial headquarters of the army yesterday.

"It is a shame and an outrage to compare our hotels with the cheap lodging houses where neither ventilation nor sanitation is cared for," Brigadier Ashley Peabes said. "In every Salvation Army hotel every care that modern science can give is bestowed upon the sanitation of the place. As far as running the hotels for gain is concerned, if a man has not the necessary 10 cents a lodging and breakfast are furnished in many instances and no questions asked. Some of our hotels are self-supporting, but none of them is a money-maker. Our charity is not of the scrimp and leech variety, nor are we the worshippers of a cautious, statistical Christ, though we have often incurred the enmity of charity workers who are of the statistical variety and must have a man's pedigree for three generations before they will give him food when he is hungry."